

January 8, 2008

Meeting Notes- Land Use Committee,
Flathead County Long Range Planning Task Force

1. Members present: Turner Askew, Karen Reeves, Myrt Webb
2. There were no changes to the agenda.
3. An open unstructured discussion was held on the three taskings the committee has been assigned. Items discussed were:

Wildland/Urban Interface (WUI):

- The county should prescribe fire protection standards, for example outside sprinkler systems, for structures in high risk areas.
- Developers building outside the present WUI should be advised that fire protection is unlikely to be available if a large fire threatens their development.
- A fire protection fee should be added to the property taxes for structures in high risk areas. These funds would be dedicated to a special account used to fund fire fighting in the high risk areas. This fee should be reduced for owners that provide effective protection systems.

Rural Lands Board:

- Should have urban representation.
- Board members should be registered voters.

Architectural Standards:

- Should be integrated with land use.
- Affects commercial/industrial construction only.
- Minimum 25% nonmetal outside with front being 100% non-metal.
- Height would be governed by a line starting at the property line and then sloping upward. The further back the building the higher it could be. Estimate of slope angle is 12.5d.
- 100 ft no build zone in front.
- Parking lots landscaped.

4. Next meeting is Tuesday, January 15, 4-6PM at the FCSWD Conference Room.